

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An evacuable valve comprising:

a body member defining a front face and a back face and providing an air-through portion passing from the front face to the back face; and

a film valve body disposed so as to open and close the air-through portion,

wherein the body member includes a valve seat portion for mounting the valve body, the valve seat portion having a valve body contacting area that slants toward the front face and runs from ~~the a~~ central part thereof to ~~the a~~ periphery thereof, the air-through portion is radially arranged in the valve seat portion, and the valve body includes a fixed portion ~~which that~~ is securely fixed to the central part of the valve seat portion and a plurality of valve blades ~~which that~~ are capable of floating toward and away from ~~the a~~ valve body contacting face of the valve seat portion, except for the fixed portion, said plurality of valve blades closing the air-through portion while contacting the valve body contacting area,

wherein a valve body covering, including a valve body press foot extending from ~~the a~~ back face of the valve body covering, is mounted to the valve seat portion, together with the valve body, and

wherein the valve body press foot embraces ~~the a~~ central portion of the valve blades of the valve body, and extends from a central portion of each valve blade toward a circumferential radial direction.

2. (Previously presented) The evacuable valve of claim 1 further comprising a depressed area on the front face thereof, whereby one evacuable valve can at least partly rest in

the depressed area of the other valve, and accordingly the evacuable valves can be piled up by putting the front face of one evacuable valve and the back face of the other evacuable valve together.

3. (Previously presented) An evacuable bag made of flexible resin film and of internal sealable structure, wherein the evacuable valve of claim 1 is mounted to communicate between the outside and inside of the bag through the air-through portion formed on a valve seat portion of the evacuable valve whereby the bag may be evacuated and keep the evacuated state.

4. (Previously presented) A production process for an evacuable bag, comprising the steps of:

opening a valve mounting hole in a flexible resin film;
taking an evacuable valve of claim 1;
positioning the evacuable valve to coincide with the valve mounting hole; and
bonding the evacuable valve to the film.

5. (Previously Presented) An evacuable bag made of flexible resin film and of internal sealable structure, wherein the evacuable valve of claim 2 is mounted to communicate between the outside and inside of the bag through the air-through portion formed on a valve seat portion of the evacuable valve whereby the bag may be evacuated and keep the evacuated state.

6. (Previously presented) A production process for an evacuable bag, comprising the steps of:

opening a valve mounting hole in a flexible resin film;
taking one of the piled evacuable valves of claim 2;
positioning the evacuable valve to coincide with the valve mounting hole; and
bonding the evacuable valves to the film.

7. (Previously presented) The evacuable valve of claim 2, wherein the body member includes a wall located thereon and being peripheral to the valve seat portion, the wall defining the depressed area.

8. (Previously presented) The evacuable valve of claim 7, wherein the body member includes ridges formed on the back face of the valve seat portion, and said ridges rest in the depressed area when the one valve is piled on the other valve.